

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(3)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 20, 2021

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to study the feasibility of expanding the Miami-Dade County Summer Youth Internship Program or Youth Summer Job Program, to provide a job to every eligible youth between the ages of 14 and 19, residing in the County, by the summer of 2022, and to identify legally available funding sources necessary to implement such program by the summer of 2022; authorizing the County Mayor to apply for, receive, and expend funding for the program, and to enter into agreements for the purposes set forth herein; and requiring a report

Resolution No. R-384-21

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jean Monestime.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(3)
4-20-21

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-384-21

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SUMMER YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM OR YOUTH SUMMER JOB PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE A JOB TO EVERY ELIGIBLE YOUTH BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 19, RESIDING IN THE COUNTY, BY THE SUMMER OF 2022, AND TO IDENTIFY LEGALLY AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SUCH PROGRAM BY THE SUMMER OF 2022; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM, AND TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH HEREIN; AND REQUIRING A REPORT

WHEREAS, Commissioner Jean Monestime was one of the prime sponsors of Resolution No. R-235-15, adopted by this Board of County Commissioners ("Board") on March 3, 2015, which directed the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to create a Miami-Dade County ("County") Youth Summer Job Program; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to expand the Youth Summer Job Program, on April 19, 2016, this Board also adopted Resolution No. R-330-16, which authorized grant funding to support the launch of the Summer Youth Internship Program ("SYIP"); and

WHEREAS, the SYIP works to place eligible Miami-Dade County Public School students into paid internships during the summer; and

WHEREAS, the SYIP's founding partners were The Children's Trust, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), and the Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation that is a direct support organization to M-DCPS; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the SYIP's funders have also included JP Morgan Chase, Royal Caribbean, LTD, the South Florida Workforce Investment Board d/b/a CareerSource South, and other local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Educational Credit Union also supports the SYIP by offering a financial literacy course, opening an account for every student placed in an internship, and managing payroll for interns; and

WHEREAS, the SYIP currently provides educational, work experience, and training opportunities through paid internships to County youth between the ages of 15 and 18, including youth with disabilities and youth transitioning out of foster care up to age 22; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution Nos. R-330-16, R-301-17, R-457-18, R-692-19, and R-580-20, this Board has authorized the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for, receive, and dispense grant funds of varying amounts for the SYIP and to execute agreements and documents to implement the SYIP, has allocated \$1 million from County general funds annually for the SYIP, and has directed the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide an annual report to this Board on funding for future County Summer Youth Job Programs; and

WHEREAS, 2016 was the inaugural year for the SYIP and was an overwhelming success, specifically, 13 percent of the 1,463 youth participating in the SYIP were youth with disabilities, 717 employers participated in the program, 97 percent of employers and 94 percent of youth reported they were satisfied with the SYIP, 98 percent of the youth completed the program, all youth were signed up for a bank account with South Florida Educational Credit Union and all youth who completed the program earned high school credit; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the SYIP's success continued, specifically, 10 percent of the 1,827 youth participating in the SYIP were youth with disabilities, 539 employers participated in the program, 98 percent of employers and 97 percent of youth reported they were satisfied with the program, and 94 percent of the youth completed the program; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, 2,967 students applied to participate in the SYIP, 2,593 interns were placed with 784 employers, and 2,536 interns completed the program, 84 percent of whom qualified for free or reduced lunch, and 13 percent of whom were youth with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the SYIP continued providing diverse internship placement opportunities through the recruitment of a wide array of employers across Miami-Dade County, specifically, 3,896 students applied to participate in the SYIP, and 3,045 interns completed the Program, of which 1,263 were funded by the County; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, although the SYIP continued operations, the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic negatively affected the program's ability to operate as expected; and

WHEREAS, to date, the SYIP has been successful and has greatly benefitted the ("M-DCPS") youth who have been able to participate in the program, but the SYIP has not been able to meet the total need for summer jobs for youth countywide; and

WHEREAS, in particular, there is still a great need for every eligible youth between the ages of 14 and 19, who resides in the County, to be able to obtain summer employment; and

WHEREAS, summer youth employment programs: (1) have been correlated with a reduction in crime for youth; (2) expose youth to the local job market during their formative years; (3) supplement family incomes; (4) promote economic empowerment; and (5) increase likelihood of participants' success in college, trade school or adult employment; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the SYIP provides real-world work experiences for the County's next generation of business leaders and decision makers and could also encourage participants to remain in or return to the County as adults and help to avoid the "brain drain" that plagues our community; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law to help accelerate the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package which provides, among other things, \$350 billion to help state, local, and tribal governments bridge budget shortfalls and mitigate fiscal shock incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, including about \$7 billion for cities and counties in Florida, and covers certain costs incurred by December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to accomplish the purposes outlined in the foregoing recitals,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Incorporates the recitals above in this resolution.

Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to study the feasibility of expanding the Miami-Dade County Summer Youth Internship Program ("SYIP"), or Miami-Dade County Youth Summer Job Program, to provide a job for every eligible youth between the ages of 14 and 19, residing in Miami-Dade County ("County"), by the summer of 2022. In addition, this study shall include the feasibility of modifying either program to utilize a placement system for interns rather than allowing employers to institute a selection process. The

purpose of such modification is to ensure that no eligible youth is rejected by a participating employer because of their age or maturity level, their grade level, where they live, the location or type of school they attend (e.g., homeschooled, private, public, or charter), their school attendance or performance record, their previous work experience, or their lack of special skills or talents.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to identify legally available funding sources necessary to implement the expanded SYIP or Youth Summer Job Program by the summer of 2022, including funding sources within the Mayor's proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 County budget and any future proposed County budgets, as well as any funding opportunities through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the SYIP's existing funding sources, such as The Children's Trust, and to include such funding sources in the report required by section 5 of this resolution.

Section 4. Authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to apply for, receive and expend funding for the expanded SYIP or Youth Summer Job Program from any legally available source, subject to Board approval, if the entity granting funds for such program requires the provision of matching funds from the County budget. If the entity granting funding does not require the provision of matching funds from the County budget, the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee may enter into an agreement with the entity granting funds, subject to ratification by the Board.

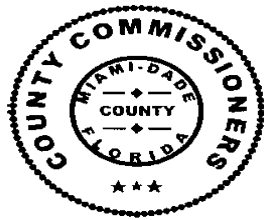
Section 5. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare a report outlining the feasibility and implementation of an expanded SYIP or Youth Summer Job Program. At a minimum, such report shall: (i) identify potential funding amounts and funding sources; (ii) provide a response from The Children's Trust and any other funding sources regarding the request for funding for either program; (iii) and provide a draft of any necessary resolution or ordinance

to amend the County budget to accomplish the purposes of this resolution and to approve or ratify, as necessary, any agreement with The Children’s Trust or any entity granting funding. The County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee is further directed to provide said report to each individual member of this Board within 30 days of the effective date of this resolution and to place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jean Monestime. It was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman	aye	
	Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice-Chairman	aye	
Sen. René García	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Jean Monestime	aye
Raquel A. Regalado	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of April, 2021. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Melissa Adames

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Moffett", is written over a horizontal line.

Marlon D. Moffett